AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for attaching material to a quilting frame, said system comprised of:

a slot having a channel for receiving material; and

a slot member that is slightly smaller than the slot channel such that the slot member can be disposed within the slot to form a friction fit between the slot member and the slot channel, wherein material is disposed within the slot channel between the slot channel and the slot member, and wherein the slot member is disposed completely within the slot channel in a single action of pushing the slot member into the slot channel with the material disposed between the slot member and the slot cheannel.

2. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot channel forms a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group of cross-sectional areas comprised of a circle, an oval, a triangle, a square, a rectangle, and any appropriate polygon.

3. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot member forms a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group of cross-sectional areas comprised of a circle, an oval, a triangle, a square, a rectangle, and any appropriate polygon.

4. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot member is a solid structure.

5. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot member is flexible.

6. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot member is a hollow structure.

7. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot member is selected from the group of materials comprised of compressible foam, foam-like material, rubber, and rubber-like material.

8. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the system is further comprised of an adhesive, wherein the adhesive is coupled to an attaching surface of the slot.

9. (Original) The system as defined in claim 8 wherein the attaching surface of the slot is selected from the group of attaching surfaces including a flat surface and an arcuate surface, to thereby enhance contact between the slot attaching surface and a rail of a quilting machine.

10. (Original) The system as defined in claim 9 wherein the system is further comprised of a rail, wherein the slot is coupled to the rail at the attaching surface.

11. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot is made from a rigid material.

12. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the slot is formed as an integral element within a rail of a quilting machine.

13. (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 wherein the system is further comprised of a plurality of screws for attaching the slot to an object to which the material is to be attached.

14. (Currently amended) A method for attaching material to a quilting frame, said method comprising the steps of:

(1) providing a slot having a channel for receiving material, and a slot member that is slightly smaller than the slot channel such that the slot member can be disposed within the slot;

(2) placing material over the slot channel;

(3) placing the slot member over the material; and

(4) pushing the slot member into the slot channel along a length thereof such that the material is disposed between the slot channel and the slot member and held in place by a friction fit, wherein the slot member is disposed entirely within the slot channel, and wherein the material and the slot member are secured within the slot channel in a single action of pushing the slot member into the slot channe;.

15. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of selecting the slot channel to have a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group of cross-sectional areas comprised of a circle, an oval, a triangle, a square, a rectangle, and any appropriate polygon.

16. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of selecting the slot member to have a cross-sectional area that is selected from the group of cross-sectional areas comprised of a circle, an oval, a triangle, a square, a rectangle, and any appropriate polygon.

17. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein method further comprises the step of making the slot member as a solid structure.

18. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of making the slot member a flexible structure.

19. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of making the slot member a hollow structure.

20. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of selecting the slot member from the group of materials comprised of compressible foam, foam-like material, rubber, and rubber-like material.

21. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of providing an adhesive, wherein the adhesive is coupled to an attaching surface of the slot.

22. (Original) The method as defined in claim 21 wherein the method further comprises the step of selecting an attaching surface of the slot from the group of attaching surfaces including a flat surface and an arcuate surface, to thereby enhance contact between the slot attaching surface and a rail of a quilting machine.

23. (Original) The method as defined in claim 22 wherein the method further comprises the step of providing a rail, wherein the slot is coupled to the rail at the attaching surface.

24. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of manufacturing the slot from a rigid material.

25. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method further comprises the step of forming the slot as an integral element within a rail of a quilting machine.

26. (Original) The method as defined in claim 14 wherein the method is further comprised of the step of attaching the slot to an object using a temporary attachment system, such that the slot can be moved to a different object when desired.

27. (Original) The method as defined in claim 26 wherein the method further comprises the step of using a plurality of screws as the temporary attachment system.